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Title: Need to have an elected Assembly and State Government in Andman and Nicobar Island.

SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH (ULUBERIA): I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the miserable plight of the tsunami victims of Andaman and Nicobar. I also visited that place yesterday. After five years, even 30 per cent of the rehabilitation and construction work has not been completed there. Andaman Trunk Road, that is the only life line, is damaged severely. Some bridges are required over creeks. That is also not taken over. Ninety three per cent of the land is under the Forest Department. They are not allowed to do any rehabilitation work, road work and developmental work. If the hon. Prime Minister does not intervene, I do not know whether the Forest Ministry will agree to this. There is another problem. Some relaxation is needed. Seventeen per cent of the people are taken from Ranchi tribals, but they are not getting the tribal status there. They are in great trouble there. In the name of encroachment removal, they are being attacked. Drinking water projects are also not being taken up and no project for rain water harvesting. This is a serious problem. For construction work, they need ships for carrying material, but there are no ships. The Shipping Ministry is not giving ships for carrying materials.

MR. SPEAKER: This is not a full debate here.

SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH : So, these are certain problems I want to highlight. Because of bureaucracy, it is not being done. The Government promised to give them an Assembly and an elected Government. Even for a population of four lakh in another area in Puducherry, an assembly is there. Shri Basu Deb Acharia brought forward a Private Members' Bill and the Government promised that Andaman will get an Assembly and an elected Government. If an elected Government is there, these things will be solved. So, I demand the Government to keep their promises and tackle all the difficulties and help the tsunami affected people of Andaman.